



Trail Blazer

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July 2016

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Events

July 6 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: Richard Gaunt, 971-404-1153, 898rick@gmail.com

July 6 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class A and B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094, chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Gini Batemen, 503-475-8712 ginibateman@comcast.net

July 7 (Thu) N. Portland-Kelley Pt. Bike Ride - Class A

Moderately-paced, flat ride with a number of stops through North Portland. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Kelley Point Park. Total mileage around 20 miles. Please make sure your bike tires are pumped before you come. Call or email with questions. I don't ride in the rain or in excessive heat, so if weather is iffy, call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Meet: University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd, 9:45 am for a 10 am departure. Come in the main entrance off of Willamette Blvd and make the first right. Parking lot is right next to the soccer center.

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

July 8 (Fri) Clackamas River Road Bike Ride - Class B

We will ride out Clackamas River Dr. and Springwater Rd toward Estacada, stopping at Milo McIver State Park for lunch. We then ride back to Oregon City via Redland Rd. Rolling hills through beautiful countryside, with some challenging climbs and rewarding descents, 35 mi, 1440 ft elevation gain.

Depart: 9:30 am from Abernathy Creek City Park, Oregon City, parking on John Adams St off Abernathy Rd near Washington St; take McLoughlin exit off 205

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250 lawson.terry@gmail.com

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July 9-10 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Lodge Photography Weekend

Join us for a tranquil weekend of hiking, photography, and fellowship with like-minded nature enthusiasts. Steve Jones, an avid Vancouver-based nature photographer and hiker, will teach us the basics of photography on Saturday as we take the 4 mile (1,800 feet elevation gain) trek up to Nesika Lodge from Multnomah Lodge. We will take a leisurely pace and make frequent stops to take photos of the wildflowers, waterfalls, lush woods, and babbling creeks.

Cost is \$45 and includes overnight lodging, 4 meals, day hikes, and photography sessions.

Register through Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/231861600/>

Host: Pamela Moore pmoor1@gmail.com

July 13 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours. This hike will be on Powell Butte in Portland off of Powell Blvd and SE 162nd Ave. Meet up the hill at the visitor center. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com

July 13 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class A and B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Deb Ralls, debbieralls@yahoo.com

Class B Leader: Joel Reitz, tco.joel.tco@gmail.com

July 14 (Thu) Ft. Vancouver - Frenchman's Bar - Bike

Bike ride July 14 from Fort Vancouver visitor parking to Frenchman's Bar 20-25 miles. Meet 10am (hot day 85 + start at 9:00). Bring your lunch. Call Nancy Overpeck 360-836-5464. overpeck@wa-net.com

July 15th-17th (Fri.-Sun.) Nesika Work Trip

Come and enjoy a great weekend at beautiful Nesika Lodge. We provide food and lodging. The main focus is to put a new roof on the women's dorm. There will be work for all abilities; keeping workers hydrated, supplied with shingles, nails, etc. We could use people with rope experience. We need 4 ropes and sit harnesses. We could also use 4 brake carabiners. We have all the safety equipment in place. If we have enough people we will continue on our previous projects; leveling out the road between the Green gate and Multnomah Creek, spreading gravel and trimming brush. We may also brush the road between Larch Mtn road and Green gate.

We will continue with the front deck work under Merrill Hugo's direction. There is still wood to split down on the playground. We would also like to start developing of the kids area. Kids are very welcome at the lodge.

Come share your knowledge in communal work with friends. The gate on Larch Mtn. road will be open for approximately 15 minutes starting at 9:00 Friday morning, noon on Friday, 8:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 Saturday

morning. When you register please let us know when you are coming so we can prepare food. Bring your favorite tools. If you are meeting for a carpool the suggested time is 8:00 AM at Gateway. To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com. You can also register on TCO events page or TCO Meetup page,

July 18 (Mon) McNeil Point - Class B

Please join me for a hike to McNeil Point on Mount Hood on Monday July 18th. We will Park at the Top Spur Trail Head to begin this 10.4 mile round trip hike. Elevation gain is 2,200 feet culminating at 6,100 feet. We will meet at my home at 1260 NW Bella Vista Court in Gresham at 9AM or you can meet me at Sandy Oregons Safeway Parking lot at 9:30 AM . We can carpool from my home and also Safeway. NW Forest Pass required at trailhead.

Contact Ron Silvis, 971-998-9042
ronaldjrsilvis@aol.com

Jul 18 (Mon) – Bike ride from Monmouth – Class C

This will be a counterclockwise loop to the north and west of Monmouth. We'll head N, then W to Dallas, with a stop in the city park. While in the NW portion of our loop, we'll make an out-and-back leg that involves a decent climb. We'll have another climb on our way to a rest stop at the Dallas cemetery. Once we turn E back toward Monmouth, we'll have another decent climb and some small rolling hills. Distance: 37+ miles. Elevation gain: 2185'. Rest room & water at start, 10.5 miles, and 25 miles.

Depart: Parking lot of Monmouth Recreational Park, on N. Hogan Rd. Contact leader for start time.

Leader: Rich Fuhs; 503-690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@gmail.com

July 20 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:39 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader TBD. Watch the web site for updates.

July 20 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Bob Link fanmanr@aol.com

July 23-24 (Sat-Sun) Paint Your Path: Beginning Watercolor for Folks that Like to Hike

Join us for a tranquil weekend of hiking and art at Nesika Lodge. Erica Huber, accomplished artist and teacher, will take us through the basics of watercolor painting after our 4 mile trek up to Nesika Lodge from Multnomah Lodge. On the 3-hour hike you will enjoy wildflowers, waterfalls, lush woods, and babbling creeks. We will stay overnight at Nesika Lodge, starting back to Multnomah Lodge after lunch on Sunday.

Cost is \$60 for the weekend. This includes art supplies (\$20), introductory watercolor sessions, overnight lodging, and four meals.

Provided will be:

Overnight bunk style lodging with mattresses

Showers & restrooms

Saturday lunch & dinner (vegetarian options available)

Sunday breakfast & lunch (vegetarian options available)

Introductory watercolor sessions art supplies:

PRANG® 16-color oval pan watercolor set

Canson® Artist Series Montval® Watercolor Artist Book, 5-1/2 x 8-1/2, 20 Sheets

Pro-formance Watercolor White Nylon Round Brush - Size 8

Fine-Point Black Sharpie

#2 Pencil and Eraser

Please bring:

Sleeping bag

Comfortable shoes or boots

Layers, rain coat, extra socks

Water and snacks for hike

Hiking poles if you have them

Personal toiletries

Anything you do not need on the hike can be driven up to Nesika lodge for you, but please pack these items in a separate bag/pack from your daypack.

We depart:

8am from Gateway Park & Ride garage

9am from Multnomah Lodge gift shop

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Leader: Pamela Moore (tel. 503 860 8281)

Links: Trails Club website <http://www.trailsclub.org/>

July 23 Sat. Banks-Vernonia State Park Bike Class B

This ride is all off road on paved trail from Banks to Vernonia and back. It is mostly flat with one short hill down and up. the mileage is 21 one way starting in Banks for a total of 42. There is an option to start at the Buxton trail head which cuts 7 miles or 14 miles off the total miles.

We will have lunch in Vernonia at the park.

Depart 10 am from the Banks Trailhead

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 ,
giselapiercy@gmail.com

Please register with leader by Friday night.

July 27, (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader TBD. Watch the web site for updates.

July 27 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A and B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214,
gerdaeck@comcast.net

Class B Leader: Bruce Seymour,
bruceseymour65@gmail.com

July 30th (Sat) Wedding of Aaron Ashenfelter and Susan Taylor

The wedding will be held at Nesika Lodge from noon to about 6 pm. The wedding party is arriving at noon at the Larch Mountain gate for escort to the parking lot. The lodge is open, however because of limited space in the parking lot please contact host-bride Susan Taylor at (503) 453-5762 if you would like to drive in that day. Assistance with driving guests in at noon would be greatly appreciated and we would love to have you join our party!

Depart from Larch Mountain gate at noon to the lodge
Susan Taylor, (503) 453-5762 neumesian@hotmail.com

July 30 (Sat) Westside Trail Bike - Class B 24.8 miles

Ride a series of multi-use trails on the westside in the Beaverton/Hillsboro area. From the Westside trail we will connect to the Waterhouse Park trail then on to the Rock Creek trail. Pass beautiful wetlands and lovely parks as we wind our way through residential communities. Pack a sack lunch and snacks. Please sign up on TCO Meet-Up.

<http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/231916998/>

Ridewithgps : <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/14409049>

Depart: 10:00 AM from WalMart Neighborhood Market,
9055 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton, OR

Leader: Chaz Shaw chaznw@gmail 503-729-7560

Aug 1 (Mon) – Bike ride from Silverton – Class C

Our loop passes through the communities of Scotts Mills, Marquam, and Mt. Angel on relatively lightly-traveled rural roads. Distance: 42+ miles. Elevation gain: 2089'. Rest room & water at start, 8.8 miles, and 17.5 miles.

Depart: Coolidge & McClaine Park in Silverton. Contact leader for start time.

Leader: Rich Fuhs; 503-690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@gmail.com

Aug 3, 10, 17 (Wed) Morning Hikes – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Aug 19-20 (Fri -Sat) Dollar Lake Backpack Class A-B

We'll access the Timberline Trail from the Vista Ridge Trail on the north side of Mount Hood. Trail goes thru the area burned by the Dollar Lake Fire a few years back, and the views are excellent once we reach the Timberline Trail at Wyeast Basin. Our hike to Dollar Lake will take us ¼ to 1/3 of a mile off the Timberline Trail toward Mount Hood, just below Barrett Spur.

We should have time to explore Barrett Spur or Elk Cove. One way mileage is around 3.5 to 4 miles with about 2000 feet of elevation gain.

Register with: Bill Yandon via email:

wkyandon@earthlink.net or home phone 503-538-3643,
or cell 503-887-2932

Please register prior to 8:00 PM on Wednesday Aug 17

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TC From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).

From I-84: take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC) is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

Target is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park is sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is on the right about one mile past roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

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Jul 14	(Thu)	Frenchman's Bar	Nancy Overpeck
Jul 18	(Mon)	Monmouth/Independence	Rich Fuhs
Jul 23	(Sat)	Banks/Vernonia	Gisela Piercy
July 30	(Sat)	Westside Trail North	Chaz Shaw
Aug 1	(Mon)	Silverton	Rich Fuhs
Aug 4	(Thu)	Springwater to Boring	Audrey Perino
Aug 12	(Fri)	Blue Lake Park	Terry Lawson
Aug 14	(Sun)	Puget Island	Chaz Shaw
Aug 18	(Thu)	Burnt Bridge	Nancy Overpeck
Aug 25	(Thu)	Cascade Locks to Mult Falls	Allen Burrell
Aug 28	(Sun)	Mosier Tunnel	Gerda Eck
Sep 6	(Tue)	Buena Vista	Allen Burrell
Sep 8	(Thu)	Willamette Park to Zoo	Audrey Perino
Sep 12	(Mon)	Scio Bridges	Rich Fuhs
Sep 15	(Thu)	Oktoberfest	Lou Sowa

Bicycle trip Ratings

To help you in choosing the difficulty of the ride, the following is suggested:

A for up to 20/25 miles without hills;

B for 20-40 miles with little hills;

C for longer and hillier rides.

2/3 of the way up Table Mtn. - Ron Silvis, Jun 6, 2016

"This viewpoint also gives you the best view of the *original* Bridge of the Gods, the ancient land-bridge reported by Native Americans, was actually a massive landslide that sheared off much of Table Mountain. While earlier studies indicated the damming of the Columbia by this landslide may have occurred around 1100 A.D., more recent evidence suggests that it may have been the result of the catastrophic earthquake of 1700, the last "big one" unleashed by the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Far below, the man-made current-day Bridge of the Gods seems minuscule relative to its natural counterpart. "

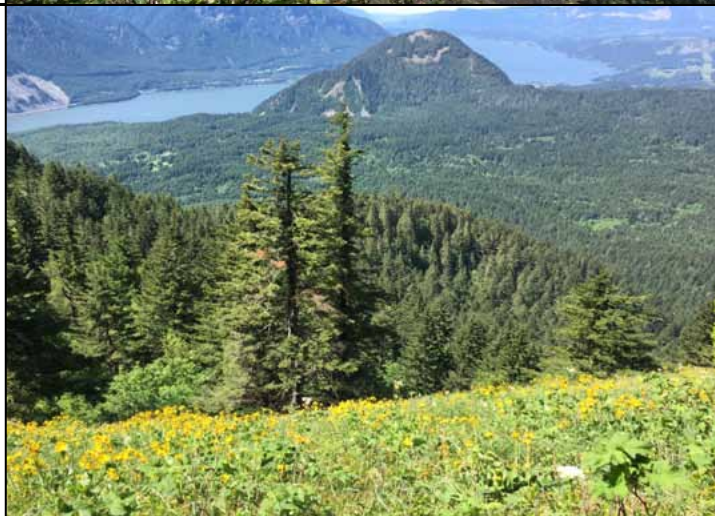
- OregonHikers.org



Balsamroot on Dog Mountain - Ron Silvis, May 12, 2016

B. sagittata has beautiful, bright yellow flowers: in fact, another common name for it is "Oregon sunflower". Like the rest of the sunflower family, its "flowers" are actually inflorescences composed of numerous tiny flowers (*florets*) that take up different jobs: each of the 'petals,' for instance, is actually a single floret bearing one enormous petal and a few minute ones; when taken together, these "ray florets" create the illusion of a ring of petals. The inflorescence is bigger than a silver dollar but smaller than a CD; about the size of a small floppy disk. It can be seen from May to July.

- USDA Forest Service website



Olympic National Park Alert

Many of us have traveled north to enjoy the beautiful and diverse forest preserve of the Olympic National Park in Washington. UNESCO declared the park as both a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Preserve.

Presently the Forest Service and the National Park Service are finally developing a new Wilderness Management Plan. Olympic Park Associates (OPA), organized in 1948 has diligently worked over these years to protect the wilderness and ecological integrity of the park. Presently certain areas of the park are being considered for warfare training activities. This means possible flyovers by navy fighter jets (260 days/per year for 12 to 16 hours a day) plus army helicopters (7 days per week and 365 days/year). Also a limited amount of beach maneuvers are being discussed. Please visit the OPA website at www.olympicparksassociates.org and read about these proposals.

I personally feel that the Olympic National Park is a wilderness jewel and would not be well served by these activities. I encourage everyone to become informed and support the mission of the OPA in preserving such a wonderful Pacific Northwest treasure.

Most sincerely,

Susan Keller (TCO member since 1958)

Conservation Notes

As I write, the 6th Annual Barbara Walker Regional Trail Fair is still in the future: (June 22). The Trails Club and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (of which TCO is a member) will share a table with friends of Forest Park. We want to raise the visibility of TCO (which seems to be invisible to the various branches and planners of City government) promote membership, and inform people of the dangers threatening Forest Park.

Sylvia Milne prepared the exhibit.

As you hike in Forest Park, you may be unaware that plans calling for sharing trails with mountain bikes are in the works. Sharing may consist of hikers taking alternate days with bikers. Many bikers are scofflaws which means they may be on the trails on hiking days. Or, sharing may be simultaneous and may consist of a mountain bike barreling down on you at any time. This will effectively drive hikers off the trails. TCO was not invited to serve on the planning committee and was refused when we applied for membership. The planning committee was removed from Parks and Recreation and placed in the Bureau of Development Services under Mayor Hales with planners who are cycle enthusiasts.

Sydney Herbert, Conservation Chair

Whooo goes there? On June 15, the Wednesday AM hikers spotted a barred owl in the trees overlooking Balch Creek Trail. Ken Kane shot the photo.

"This widespread woodland owl dozes by day on a well-hidden perch but seldom relies on its good camouflage to avoid harm. Instead, it flies away at the least disturbance, seldom tolerating close approach. But where foot traffic is heavy, such as along boardwalks in southern swamps, the barred owl may sit tight and provide good views at close range. It hunts mainly from a perch but will also hunt on the wing, preying on small mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates. It prefers to nest in a natural tree hollow, but it will also use an abandoned stick nest of another species. Polytypic (4 ssp.; 3 in North America). Length 21" (53 cm); wingspan 43" (109 cm).

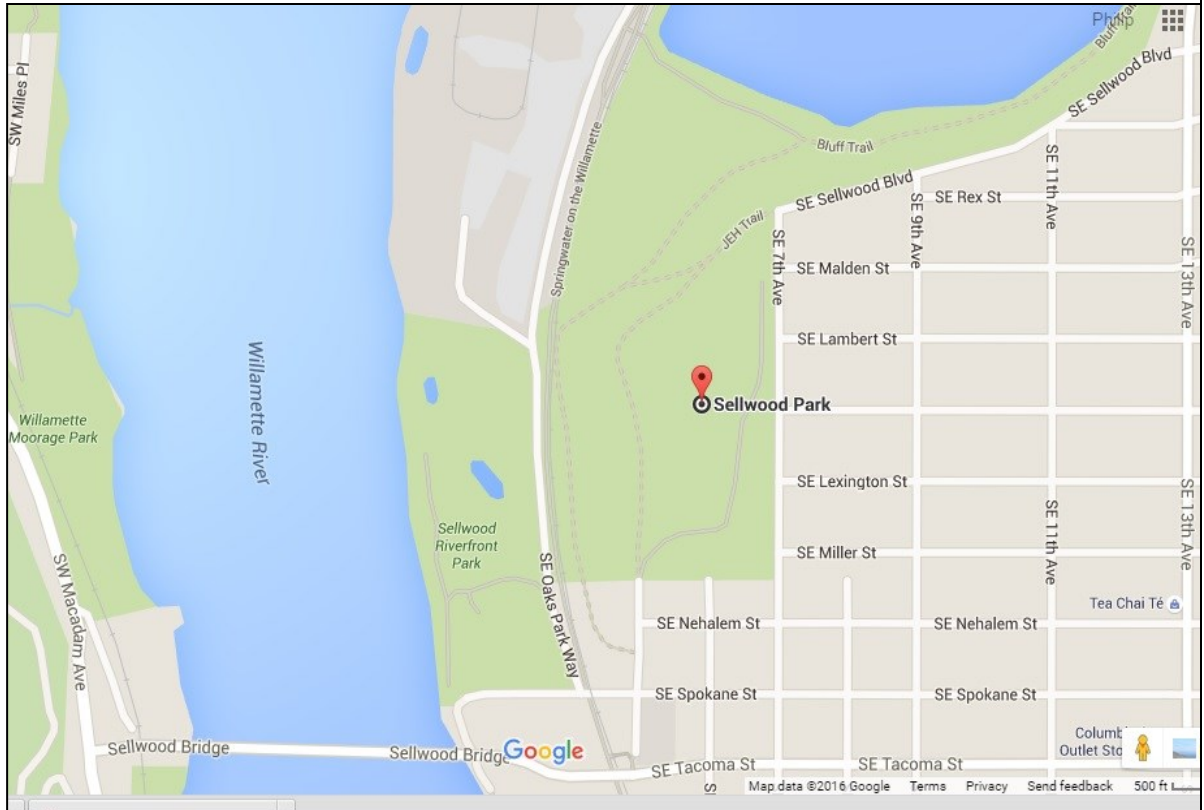
<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birding/>



Trails Club Picnic - August 14

The Trails Club 2016 Picnic will be held at Sellwood Park, above Sellwood Riverfront Park, near SE 7th Ave. and Miller St. in SE Portland. This is a potluck event, but punch, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., will be provided. Parking is at the north end of park and on-street parking and easy drop-off and pick-up are available.

A swimming pool and playground facilities are available and a number of trails are within easy access. Oaks Bottom is a wildlife refuge and has facilities for group viewing, including a nice platform for birding, just off the trail that goes around the lake, which is bounded on the northwest side by the Springwater Corridor.



2016 July Historian Blog

The June Board meeting displayed a shift in understanding of the significance of the history committee's contributions to the club. After discussion of the May Board meeting results, 14 history committee volunteers and/or supporters visited the June Board meeting to observe our current administrative process and offer additional information as requested in order to achieve an equitable agreement.

Special thanks to Tom Shanley, Phil Crosby, George Milne and Randy Dietrich for their attentiveness to the bylaws and to the tasks assigned to the club's history committee. As a result, attention shifted to figuring out how to financially maintain a central historical repository. Most promising long term, Joel Reitz's motion to authorize George Milne to investigate setting up an educational foundation as a non-profit 501(c)(3), backed by Phil and Irene Crosby's offer to help stabilize the existence of a centralized location. My personal vision down the road, after we've written the majority of our centennial stories, includes building on a partnership with the Crown Point Community Historical Society (<http://www.cpchs.org/> - Ed.), begun years ago with Darrel Tarter.

Now our biggest challenges include:

1) Working Space - Some members still think we can accomplish this work out of people's homes, but decentralization is counter to the 2009 Board recommendation and does not aid the process of archiving our records to facilitate a researcher's quest to tell our club stories.

In addition, centralizing club history in a business complex legitimizes our image to community partners such as the United States Forest Service, the land owner surrounding Nesika, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

2) Archival storage - Despite caution from **Brian Johnson, the Board voted to return Nesika's historic register to our lodge in the Multnomah Basin. Besides compromising one of the most fragile items in the collection, it has withheld information from history committee members needed to write our early club stories. Per a request from our club president, the register was released to Jeff Lawton, to photograph pages with the understanding it would return the end of March, in time to accommodate Leonard Murphy's writing schedule (he is a snowbird).

3) Management of history committee requests outside the scope of original intent - Tom Shanley has offered to monitor these requests. You may contact him at tsha174177@aol.com.

The history committee is grateful for the opportunity to collect and preserve all publications of the Club and record its activities and achievements per the club bylaws, along with continuing the archival project started in 2008 to assist the committee in the telling of our club's centennial story.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Milne Historian

George Milne, Sylvia Milne, Christine Olsen, Jane Olsen, Susan Keller, Celine Stroinski, Phil Crosby, Irene Crosby, Tom Shanley, Kelly Marlin, Michael Stupek, Jean Stupek, Diane Brooke, Debbie Ralls. (14)

**Brian Johnson, Assist Archivist for the City of Portland, originally hired in 2008 by the club as a consultant to survey our collection and recommend next steps.

Let's Talk About

(Received 27May2016 - Ed.)

To the Editor,

I must respectfully disagree with other members of the Trails Club who advocate the continued expenditure of club resources for rental space for the history project. Researching major events in the club's history and documenting and delivering this information to the membership in a way that is easily accessible is a noble pursuit. The TCO's 100th anniversary occurred last year and was, or should have been, the high point of the project.

The people who spend their time and effort looking at our club's past are to be thanked and congratulated. However, I doubt spending club money on space a year after the centenary and, presumably, into the future, is something the membership-at-large would have endorsed when the project was conceived.

Let the research continue and let's get the major events electronically documented so they can be shared with membership online ... not only in a static display in Government Camp or once a year at the annual banquet. But let's conduct that research as other non-board aspects of the club are conducted ... in our dens, homes or basements, without continuing rental expense to the club. While it is true that history is a "never-ending story," the expenditure for work space, and the near-monthly justification of it in the Blazer, should not be.

Sincerely,

Ken Kane

(Received 02Jun2016 - Ed.)

Dear Board:

I volunteered to have a display at the 6th annual Barbara Walker Regional Trail Fair on June 22 at the Metro Bldg. I asked Sylvia Milne to loan me materials she had previously displayed at TCO affairs showing our involvement with Forest Park. She said I could have the materials, but they needed updating and she did not have the time but would help if I did the work. I visited the History Office and Sylvia spent hours going over the materials, pulling things from the files, copying and annotating, and eventually evolved a theme of Charter Members of the Club and Forest Park. I was absolutely delighted.

I have heard that the continuing existence of the History Office is being debated and that its usefulness is questioned. Well, I hereby testify that it has been mighty helpful to me in getting the Trails Club message out. This testimony is entirely unsolicited.

Sydney Herbert



Editor's Note:

There has been a lot of discussion, mostly in private, concerning the future and the role of the History (or Archival) Committee. Some of that controversy has been visible in letters, some in the Board minutes, but I feel that a broader discussion is warranted, so this issue deals with that topic a lot.

As the editor, I feel a responsibility to fill this space with content that members value. I have assumed that the history, the health, and the future of the club is of interest to the members and have tried to produce appropriate content.

Actions have been taken to reduce the financial burden of supporting the committee by the general membership and, hopefully, there will be further developments. In that vein. I'm appending the recommendation, presented at the June Board meeting, from Randy Dietrich, below in total:

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TCO board meeting comments / History Fund motion

For June 2016 board meeting

Randy Dietrich

Preamble:

There is a large controversy in the club about the History Committee work in general, and the cost of the History Office in specific. There are strong opinions both ways, those believing that the effort to preserve our history is essential to the club no matter the dollar cost, and those that feel we have already wasted too much money on the effort.

The TCO board is squarely in the middle of this because it is our responsibility to spend the clubs funds in a manner that is in the best interest of the membership in general, and assures the future financial security of the club. The cost of the rent for the office space, about \$5500 / yr, is a significant expense for the club.

We know that for the past few years we have been supplementing club operations with money from our investment fund. Up to half of our spending (about \$20,000) has been from investments in recent years. The general feeling is that we cannot sustain this level of support from the investment fund over the long term. The History office rent represents about one quarter of this amount.

There is a pending board motion to close the History office. This was done to eliminate the expense of the office rent. However, the History project has engaged a significant number of members, and a there is a large amount of material has been processed with much more to be done. So I would propose that we try to find an alternate way to fund the history office rent.

Motion:

I move that we establish a Trails Club History fund. The fund would collect contributions from members, or others, specifically to support the History office. If the fund contains enough to pay the lease when the lease comes due, the lease on the History office will be extended. If there are insufficient funds the lease will be terminated unless the board votes to allocate the shortfall.

This fund would be a ledger account (not separate from other TCO funds) managed by the treasurer with other TCO monies. Contributions would be sent directly to the Trails Club, and amounts reported to the History Committee chair for tracking, to assume timely deposit of the funds.

The fund is specifically to pay the rent, however the History committee may choose to use the funds for other history projects if there is an excess beyond the needs for the rent. The History committee will continue to have an operating budget allocated through the annual budgeting process.

Rationale:

Setting up a fund of this sort allows membership to show the support of the history effort. If there is enough support, it will be easy to collect the money for the lease each year. It also removes the burden of the office rent from general club operations. This fund could support the history office into the indefinite future. If the funding supports it, longer leases or other facilities could be obtained.

This same approach was used when Nesika was rebuilt. A building fund was established to not only reduce the financial burden on the club, but also to make sure there was sufficient support for the project across the membership.

**Trails Club Of Oregon  
Board Of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes June 13, 2016**

first draft

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Randy Dietrich participated by phone. The Social Trustee position is unfilled.

Art Stangell our legal counsel attended. Also in attendance were Irene and Phil Crosby, George and Sylvia Milne, Chris and Jane Olsen, Tom Shanley, Kelly Marlin, Michael and Jean Stupeck, Deb Ralls, Diane Brooke, Susan Keller, and Celine Stroinski.

The minutes for the May 9 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's report:

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| Beginning Balance 5/1/2016 | \$19,828.72 |
| Deposits                   | 4,936.31    |
| Checks and withdrawals     | 7,445.04    |
| Ending Balance 5/31/2016   | \$17,319.99 |

Cindy indicated there was nothing exceptional in our cash flow.

Membership Trustee's report:

Jeff read Celeste Guodace, Aaron Ashenfelter, Megan E. Glor, and Ace R. Koch for the first time.

He reported we had a total of 452 members including 30 who have not yet paid their dues. He has put the first volume of the Nesika register on line. The new rack cards for the club have been printed and shipped. We should be able to distribute them this month,

Nesika Trustee's report:

Linda reported that preparations for reroofing the women's dorm were almost complete, work on the porch rebuild had started and considerable work on the road and trails was done during May.

She contemplated continuing this work during the June work trip .

Tyee Trustee's report:

Chaz said he had hoped to start the tank removal this month. The Forest Service has sent us a list of priorities which reduce to don't excavate until a week of dry weather is expected. Therefore the tank removal may extend into July.

The replacement tanks will probably be installed in the wood storage area of the basement.

Our bill with Soil Solutions will probably be in the 5 to 10 thousand dollar range.

Joel moved to authorize the purchase of two 275 gal fuel tanks- motion carried.

Vice President's report:

Joel has been reworking the key lists.

He tells us the weekend lodge hosting list is building slowly.

Trips Trustee's Report:

Eric feels that posting private residences as meeting places for trips is undesirable. He will be recommending good meeting places.

The Wednesday hikes are going well, bicycle program is increasing but the weekend hikes are not doing well. He needs leaders for membership hikes.

Most participants learn of trips from the internet.

Old Business:

Merrill moved to appoint Art Stangell as our agent to negotiate our road access to Nesika - motion carried.

Tom Shanley spoke for the History Committee summarizing the committee's reports he indicated they would like to create an exhaustive archive of the club's history and complete the information sign on Larch mountain. The committee projects that it will require \$7,800 in the next budget year.

Cindy moved to remove the tabled motion to close the history office at the end of the year from the table.- motion carried.

Jeff brought forth a concept which Randy had drafted to provide monies for the rent on the history office and possibly other activities.

George brought up the concept of a Trails Club Foundation.

Linda asked how setting up a foundation would help increase membership.

Diane Brook asked Linda "Why did you ask that question?"

Jeff then said we need to change our demographic. He wants the club to continue and he feels it won't if we don't make some changes.

Jane Olsen then said that this had been a concern since the 80's.

Merrill moved to table the motion to close the History Office.- motion carried

Merrill moved to adopt Randy's motion in its entirety - motion carried

Motion:

( Ed. Note: the motion, together with its preamble and rationale, is on the previous page)

Motion;

Joel moved to authorize George Milne to investigate setting up an educational foundation as a non profit 501{C}{3}.- motion carried.

## THE TRAIL BLAZER - July 2016

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| <p>Jeff reported on his Nesika opening last weekend. There were 11 people attending and the event went well.</p> <p>Pam will be hosting June 20 at Nesika.</p> <p>Chaz has Mya, and Deb Ralls helping him recruit hosts for Tyee. He wants to encourage other</p> <p>FWOC clubs to hold events at the lodges and has contacted George to encourage this.</p> <p>We are all hopeful that cooperating with the World Federation of Independent Scouts will attract a younger group. (Ed. Note - See: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Federation_of_Independent_Scouts">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Federation_of_Independent_Scouts</a> )</p> <p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>Randy put off discussion of Drop Box to the June meeting.</p> <p>Reflections on the banquet:<br/>venue worked very well, should use again<br/>speaker was good<br/>silent auction was good, should be given more room<br/>should have tea as a drink option<br/>Jeff again mentioned Chuck Rollins as speaker possibility</p> | <p><u>Committee activities and responsibilities:</u> The policy books from a decade ago are in the History office for reference. Committees are urged to update their policies and the books.</p> <p>Susan Keller brought our attention to increased aircraft activity over Olympic National Park and suggested we get more information from <a href="http://olympicparkassociates.org">olympicparkassociates.org</a>.</p> <p>Sylvia called our attention to Sydney's letter concerning Forest Park and reviewed the club's association with the park over the years.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 9PM.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p>Merrill Hugo</p> |
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### Membership Notes - June 2016

**If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Monday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.**

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to [membership@trailsclub.org](mailto:membership@trailsclub.org) for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

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## July 2016

### Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes and snowshoe activities:

**Class A**—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

**Class B**—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

**Class C**—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

**Note:** Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge involving food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

### Newsletters

Send write-ups to: [blazer@trailsclub.org](mailto:blazer@trailsclub.org)

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

#### **Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C**

**Description Text** - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

*Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis*  
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

**Depart:** Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

**Leader:** Name, Phone, and/or email.

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